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A GIFT OF WORDS

by Linda Yutmeyer Dupasquier

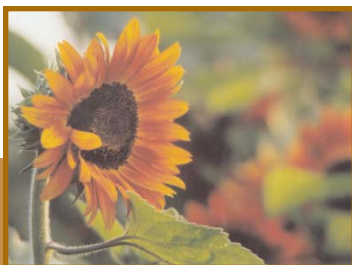
It's only the middle of October as I am writing my column, and there's been a real nasty rumor going around for the last couple of days—snow!! No, I'm not ready. It should still be summer! I don't want to think about coats, cold, ice...and, oh no, Christmas. But, there's the nice part about winter, too, like sitting by a nice, big blazing fire on a cold, snowy winter's night.

The combination of low interest rates and the crummy stock market has created a good year for real estate here in Galena and Jo Daviess county.

I am very proud to announce that Rhonda passed her test and now has her real estate license. What a great help that is in the office. Thanks, Rhonda; it was lots of hard work—we knew you could do it!

My definition of stress—I'm the only one in the office, I can't leave, I can't find where Rhonda has hidden the chocolate, and I consider calling the drug store to see if they will deliver.

Many of you will probably remember that I have mentioned Cedardale Flower Farm in my newsletter from time to time. It is with great sadness to write that my friend, Mary Hale Lomax, passed away on September 2 after a long battle with cancer. Larry and Courtney continue to do their magic at Cedardale with those beautiful flowers.



Peace.

It does not mean
to be in a place
where there
is no
noise,
trouble,
or
hard work.
It means
to be in the
midst
of those things
and
still be
calm in your heart.

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Real Estate Stats

Year to date Jan 1, 2002 -
September 30, 2002

In The Territory

Single Family Homes

Homes Sold	88
Average Price	\$214,499
Days on Market	258

Vacant Land

Land Sold	70
Average Price	\$27,244
Days on Market	284

Condos & Townhomes

Homes Sold	38
Average Price	\$121,852
Days on Market	365

In Galena

Single Family Homes

Homes Sold	36
Average Price	\$125,125
Days on Market	153

In Jo Daviess County

Single Family Homes

Homes Sold	45
Average Price	\$99,379
Days on Market	213

Based on information from the Freeport-Galena
Area Association of Realtors from Jan. 1, 2002 -
September 30, 2002.



Linda Yutmeyer Dupasquier's

Just Stunning Cards

Here's my "just stunning" easy & simple card idea for the fall. Remember the rules: have fun, have fun, have fun and start with good quality card stock and envelopes. When the leaves start falling, find some pretty, colorful leaves. I like the shape and color of maple leaves. Press for a few days until dry. I put leaves between pages of the MLS books, but probably any book with "recycled" type paper would work, like a phone book. Or put between paper towels. I stack heavy books on top to keep flat.

Then glue on the card by smearing a glue stick carefully on the back of the leaf (glue sticks work



the best-use enough to make stick, but not too much). You have an instant autumn beauty! I sometimes smear on some pearly, shimmery stuff, but play around

and see what works for you. This is a fun project for kids, too. And don't forget to sign your card---it's a work of art!

Speaking of cards...We're planning Hearts & Art 2003!!! Put February 2, on your calendar and don't miss this wonderful event. Last year we had over 1,000 handmade cards created by local artsy people.



IN THE OFFICE... with Rhonda

We have changed the schedule for our newsletter mailing. Beginning with this issue, we will now be on a quarterly rotation. I hope you will continue to enjoy our publication; however, if for any reason you do not wish to receive it, please call, e-mail, or send us a note and we will remove you from our list.

This past summer, I took an internet research class through Clarke College. Although it was a lot of work, I really found it to be informative and enlightening. I highly recommend the book we used: Searching and Researching the Internet and WWW by Ackermann, Hartman. It will help you to narrow your searches tremendously and find really useful resources. Just follow the exercises at the end of each chapter.

Just a reminder...

Turn off your water when leaving your home for more than a day.

TOOLBOX TRIVIA

By: Jerry Dupasquier

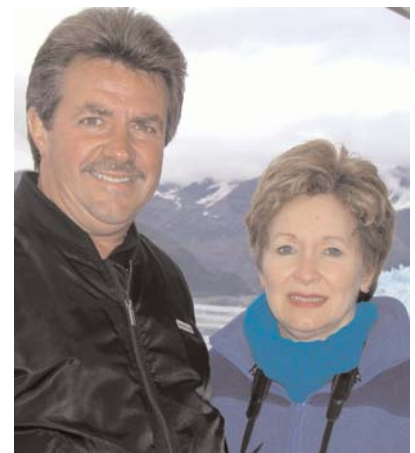
WEDDING BELLS rang on October 26 for Daddy's little girl, Lisa. Linda and I are proud to add James and Andrew to our family.



ANOTHER occasion to celebrate recently was the 30th birthday of my son, Jason. I can't believe I am old enough to have a 30-year old, but here he is!



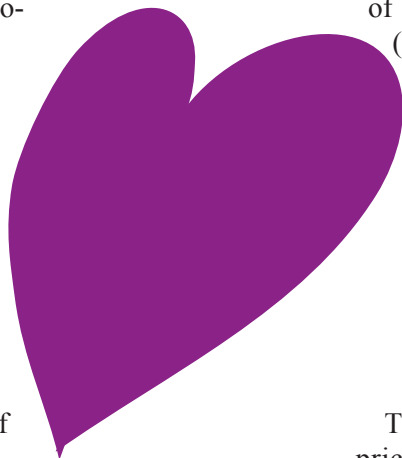
GETTING to my restaurant pick for this newsletter will require a little planning, but it is well worth the trip to Sitka, Alaska to visit the Bayview Restaurant. The fresh halibut was great! We stopped there for lunch while on an Alaskan cruise in September. What a wonderful trip-I highly recommend it. Seeing the Hubbard Glacier from our ship, watching it "calve", hearing the icebergs crash into the ocean...pretty spectacular.



Hearts & Art 2003

Start making your plans now to attend the seventh annual Hearts & Art event. As before, it will be held at the Galena Public Library. The entrance fee of \$2 allows one to hang out among artists, lovers, and chocolate freaks from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm., Sunday, February 2.

This wonderful event brightens the winter for card buyers, card makers, and the library. With over 1000 handmade cards donated by local artists, the event has become a major fundraiser for the Friends of Galena Public Library.



waiting for the doors to open at 11:00 am on Sunday. They stream inside to oooh and aaah at the sumptuous collection of valentine cards handmade by many of Galena's finest (and most fun) artists. They buy cards, they send cards, they frame cards, they obviously love beautiful cards.

top of bookcases around the library. Some are original drawings, some are prints, some photos, some collages, you name it, if it's creative and beautiful, you'll find it here.

While resting from the difficulty of decision making, event-goers can partake of delicious sweet treats provided by some of the best candy and cookie makers among the Friends membership list.

The cards, all price-marked and

Folks line up on the library front steps,

with matching envelopes, are displayed on

From the Kitchen of Linda Yutmeyer Dupasquier

Baked Cranberry Salad

(One of my traditional holiday dishes)

1 qt. bag fresh cranberries
1 - 2 c. sugar to taste
2 c. liquid (1 orange cut up, puree in blender, add enough water to make 2 cups, or substitute 1/2c. orange juice plus 1 1/2 c. water)

pinch salt
5oz. bag filberts, or other nuts

Mix sugar and liquid, heat to dissolve; add rest of ingredients and put in 9 x 13 pan. Bake at 325⁰, stirring frequently for 15-20 minutes until it just reaches boiling point. Turn to 225⁰ and bake one hour. Don't let it boil, don't stir, don't cover. Cool and refrigerate. May be made in advance. Keep several days. Serves at least 8. Use any leftovers to make bread or muffins.



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A Few Fun Things...

November 22
 “Noveau Wine Release”
 Galena 815.777.3330

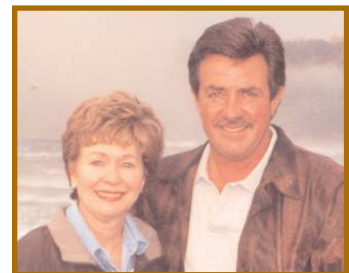
December 14
 “Night of the Luminara”
 Galena 6pm luminaria. Trolley tours 6, 7, and 8 pm.
 info - 815.777.9050, Trolley tour 815.777.1248

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